production in India and export mainly consists of items like shrimp, cuttle fish, squid, lobsters etc., which do not have an established domestic market. There is no evidence that export of marine products has resulted in non-availability or shortage of fish for internal consumption.

(c) No, Sir.

Dumping of toxic wastes by Industrialised Countries in the Third World Countries

810. SHRI RAM AWADHESH SINGH: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether UNEP are concerned about dumping of dangerous toxic wastes by the industrialised countries in the third world as reported in the Indian Express of the 17th October, 1988;

(b) whether Government would support the cause of third world countries in this area of serious concern; and

(c) whether Government will review, the decision regarding the construction and installation of new nuclear power stations and food irradiation plants till safe and sure methods of handling toxices are wastes fully available?

THE MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI Z. R. ANSARI): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The UNEP has convened a Working Group of legal and technical experts to prepare a global convention on the control of trans-boundry movement of hazardous wastes. The Government of India has taken part in this working group along with other countries including third world countries.

(c) The Government is satisfied that all necessary steps have been taken to make sure that there is no adverse impact on the environment from the nuclear power plants. Nuclear power stations produce only low level wastes which are handled at the site itself. As such, they do not produce any adverse effect on the environment. The food irradiation plants using cobalt-60 do not produce any radioactive wastes and have no environmental impact of hazardous nature. The Atomic Energy Regulatory Board is taking adequate care for the operational safety of these plants.

Foreign accounts of political leaders

811. SHRI SUBRAMANIAN SWAMY: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether in 1985 or 1986 or thereafter the Ministry of Finance prepared a report of political leaders having illegal foreign bank accounts; and

(b) if so, what are the names of these political leaders and the action taken so far against them?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC AFFAIRS IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO): (a) There is no record of any such report having been prepared by the Ministry of Finance.

(b) In view of (a) above, question does not arise.

Resettlement of villagers of Chakdeo in Jawli Taluka of Satara District

812. SHRI SUBRAMANIAN SWAMY: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Maharashtra Government has written to the Central Government to allow it to resettle villagers of Chakdeo in Jawli Taluka of Satara District and to give it exemption under the Forest Act;

(b) whether the Central Government are aware of the plight of these villagers; and